

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 2024

GATHERING SONG: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law,
In cloud and majesty and awe.

4. O come, Thou Rod of Jesse's stem,
From ev'ry foe deliver them
That trust thy mighty pow'r to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Text: LM with refrain; 'O' Antiphons, Latin, 9th cent.;
verses 1, 3–6 para. in Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, Cologne, 1710;
tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. The Hymnal 1940, alt.
Music: Chant, Mode I; Processionale, French, 15th cent.; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811–1890.

LITURGY OF THE WORD – click [HERE](#) for the readings

Responsorial Psalm 126: *God has done great things for us, filled us with laughter and music.*

Prayer of the Faithful: *You may un-mute and share your prayers.*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

My Sunday Offering to God



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Preparation of the Gifts *Each Winter As the Year Grows Older*

1. Each winter as the year grows older, We each grow older too.
The chill sets in a little colder; The verities we knew Seem shaken and untrue.
2. When race and class cry out for treason, When sirens call for war,
They overshout the voice of reason, And scream till we ignore
All we held dear before.

3. Yet I believe beyond believing, That life can spring from death;
That growth can flower from our grieving;
That we can catch our breath And turn transfixed by faith.
4. So even as the sun is turning, To journey to the north,
The living flame, in secret burning, Can kindle on the earth,
And bring God's love to birth.
5. O Child of ecstasy and sorrows, O Prince of peace and pain,
Brighten today's world by tomorrow's, Renew our lives again;
Lord Jesus, come and reign!

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Spiritual Communion Prayer

Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Communion Song: *My Soul in Stillness Waits*

For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits, truly my hope is in you.

1. O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory,
 your radiance shines in all who look to you,
 come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.
2. O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits,
 our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word,
 come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts.
3. O Root of Life, implant your seed within us,
 and in your advent, draw us all to you,
 our hope reborn in dying and in rising.
4. O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage,
 we ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain,
 open to us the pathway of your peace.
5. Come, let us bow before the God who made us,
 let ev'ry heart be opened to the Lord,
 for we are all the people of his hand.
6. Here we shall meet the Maker of the heavens,
 Creator of the mountains and the seas,
 Lord of the stars, and present to us now.

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Sending Forth Song: *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!*